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DISRUPTION PROGRAM
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DATE _____

RE: New Haven airtels dated 2/21/62 and 3/2/62.

On February 20, 1962, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that at the February 18, 1962, meeting of the Connecticut Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (CBSWP) [redacted], identified by the informant as [redacted] announced that he had arranged for the Yale Broadcasting Company, Station WYBC, a student radio station at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, to sponsor a meeting on the evening of February 25, 1962, which would be held in the form of a debate featuring [redacted] and that this debate would be broadcast live or taped for a later broadcast.

The February 19, 1962, edition of "The Militant", the February 23, 1962, edition of the "Yale Daily News" a student newspaper published daily at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, and the Yale University "Weekly Calendar" all contain items announcing that [redacted] editor of "The Militant" would debate on the evening of February 25, 1962, at the International Student Center, 211 Park Street, New Haven, Connecticut over Yale University student radio station WYBC on the theme "Which Way for South America -- Castro's or Kennedy's?".

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[redacted] advised that on that date several members of the CBSWP prepared a mailing of 150-200 invitations announcing the above meeting and urging the recipients to arrive early for the meeting in view of the limited capacity of the hall at Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut in which the [redacted] debate was to be held.

On February 23, 1962, [redacted], Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, concealed, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] had contacted [redacted] controversial debates that station WYBC is broadcasting throughout the school year. [redacted] arranged through [redacted] for station WYBC to sponsor the appearance of [redacted] in the above debate. According to [redacted] stated that since making the arrangements [redacted] has been phoning station WYBC daily concerning the debate and [redacted] claimed he has already informed [redacted] that the debate would be confined to students of Yale University, that there would be no outsiders at this meeting and that this was the original understanding made with [redacted] concerning the debate.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted], Yale University informed him that he had discussed with [redacted] the fact that a notice appeared in the February 19, 1962, edition of "The Militant" announcing the [redacted] debate, that [redacted] had the reputation in New Haven of being affiliated in some way with the Socialist Workers Party, and that [redacted] had distributed SWP literature at a student meeting held at Yale University in the Spring of 1961. [redacted] informed [redacted] that he alerted [redacted] to the possibility that [redacted] had arranged for the [redacted] debate in order to utilize the facilities of Yale University to hold a meeting of followers and sympathizers of the SWP.

[redacted] stated that as a result of his discussion [redacted] telephoned [redacted] in New York City and [redacted] in New Haven on February 23, 1962, and informed them that no outsiders would be permitted to attend the debate and

that only the one or two persons accompanying [redacted] to the debate would be granted admittance.

[redacted] further advised on [redacted] that during a later discussion with [redacted] on that date, [redacted] stated that he had informed [redacted] that [redacted] could attend the debate with five of his guests and that [redacted] would be permitted to bring his own personal guest with him to the debate. [redacted] further informed [redacted] that he planned to have representatives of station WYBC at the door of the meeting hall in order to see that only students were admitted to the debate [redacted] advised that he planned to have several men of the Yale University Police Department at the meeting hall in order to examine the student identification cards of those attending and these men would allow only students to enter the hall.

It is to be noted that the March 5, 1962, edition of "The Militant" contains an article concerning the above debate entitled "Yale Station Broadcasts Hansen on Latin America". This article states that nearly 200 students and towns people heard [redacted] report on Latin America at a February 25, 1962, meeting at Yale University which was sponsored and broadcast by Yale radio station WYBC, AM-FM, which reaches about 10,000 people in the state. This article states that the meeting was originally scheduled as a debate on the issue "Which Way for Latin America -- Castro's or Kennedy's?" but at the last minute [redacted] opponent withdrew stating that he was not qualified to debate on the subject. This article further stated that the station had originally canvassed the faculty of Yale University to find some one to debate [redacted] but could not produce a single professor to defend Kennedy's position.

This article contains a number of fallacies, for example:

[redacted] advised approximately 30 - 35 people attended (15 of whom were Yale University students) this debate and not 200 as stated in the article.

[redacted] has advised that Yale radio station WYBC, AM-FM, is heard on AM only by students living on the Yale University campus and only outsiders with FM radios

would be able to tune into the broadcast over WYBC FM. It would appear that the 10,000 people in the state hearing this program as stated in the above article is an exaggeration.

Concerning the reference in the article to an individual who was to oppose [redacted] in the debate and who withdrew at the last minute stating that he was not qualified to debate the subject, it is to be noted that [redacted] advised that [redacted] opponent informed the Yale Students just prior to the debate that he was not well enough informed to debate [redacted] on Latin America but would debate with him on the topic "Capitalism versus Socialism". According to the informant the Yale Students in charge of the debate declined his offer inasmuch as the debate had been advertised as concerning itself with Latin America.

[redacted] advised that just prior to the broadcast of [redacted] address, [redacted]C, approached the Yale University police outside of the meeting hall and asked for permission for the individuals standing outside the meeting hall to be admitted inasmuch as there were only approximately 10 students in the hall. According to [redacted] permissin was then granted for the 20 odd people standing outside the meeting hall to attend the broadcast and [redacted] stated that no SWP literature was displayed or distributed at this broadcast.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 [redacted] advised on February 20, 1962, that the CESWP was affiliated with and follows the aims and purposes of the National Socialist Workers Party.

"The Militant" is a weekly publication of the SWP.

On June 27 - 28, 1961, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past

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advised that [redacted] was elected on [redacted]

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau and the New York Office in connection with the Disruptive Program against the SWP. It is being noted that the officials of Yale University were unaware that the above debate had been scheduled until it was brought to the attention of [redacted] by the New Haven Office that the February 19, 1962, edition of "The Militant" contained an announcement that [redacted] would debate at Yale University under the sponsorship of station WYBC.

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